

COLUMBIA RIVER INTER TRIBAL FISH COMMISSION
JOINT STAFF REPORT: SUMMER FACT SHEET NO. 4a
Columbia River Compact/Joint State Hearing
July 9, 2014

Fisheries under consideration:	Treaty-Indian commercial salmon
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Stock status and management guidelines for 2014 summer Chinook fisheries were presented in Summer Fact Sheet #1 (June 11, 2014) and in summer fact sheet #4.

Stock Status and Management Guidelines

- Treaty fisheries are allocated 21,144 summer Chinook and 39,200 sockeye at the current updated run sizes.

2014 Treaty-Indian Fisheries

- Summer season treaty salmon fisheries have been ongoing since June 16. There have been 4 weekly commercial gillnet fishing periods
- Catches to date are shown in the table below. Catch data combine gillnet and platform and hook and line harvest in the weekly estimates. The tribal catch downstream of Bonneville has been minimal and is included in the weekly estimates as well.

2014 Treaty Indian Summer Season Fisheries				
Fishery	Effort (Nets)	Chinook	Sockeye	Steelhead
Spring season through 6/15	na	na	451	na
Jun 16-23 (3.5days)	246	4,116	1,346	382
Jun 23-26 (3.5days)	301	4,156	6,356	371
June 30-July 3(3.5 days)	344	2,613	5,473	415
July 7-11(4.5 days) (projected)	266	2,750	4,700	750
Subtotal #1		13,635	18,326	1,918
Allowed at Updated run size.		21,144	39,200	
Projected 7/14-7/18 (4.5 days)	270	3,300	9,200	1,400
Remaining		4,209	11,674	

Treaty Fishery Plan

- The tribes met and agreed to the following fishery for next week:

<i>2014 Treaty Indian Summer Chinook Commercial Fishery</i>	
Season	6 AM Monday July 14 to 6 PM Friday July 18, 2014 (4.5 days)
Area	Zone 6
Sanctuaries:	Standard river mouth and dam sanctuaries applicable to gillnet gear. The Spring Creek Hatchery sanctuary is not necessary this time of year.
Gear:	Gill nets with no minimum mesh restriction

Allowable Sales: Salmon, steelhead, shad, yellow perch, bass, walleye, catfish and carp may be sold or retained for subsistence. Sturgeon may not be sold, but sturgeon from 43 to 54 inches fork length in The Dalles and John Day Pools and from 38 to 54 inches fork length in the Bonneville Pool may be kept for subsistence purposes. Fish landed during the open periods are allowed to be sold after the period concludes.

Additional: 24-hour quick reporting required for Washington buyers, pursuant to WAC 220-69-240 **except** that landings must be reported within 24-hours of completing the fish ticket.
Submission of a report is not complete until the report arrives at the designated department location.
Reports can be made via fax at 360-906-6776 or 360-906-6777; via e-mail at crfishtickets@dfw.wa.gov; or via phone at 1- 866-791-1281.
Faxing or reporting electronically in portable document format (PDF) a copy of each fish receiving ticket used, within the previously indicated time frames specified per area, satisfies the quick reporting requirement.

- Catch expectations in the proposed fishery total 3,300 Chinook and 9,000 sockeye along with 1,400 steelhead presuming similar effort to this week. The sockeye catch will be dependent on how much small mesh gear fishers choose to use.
- Wholesale buyers have been paying similar prices compared to prices paid for the non-treaty catch. Ex-vessel values are around \$5 per pound for Chinook and \$2 for sockeye. Fish sold direct to the public command higher prices. Average weight is 15 lbs per chinook and 3 lbs per sockeye.
- This fishery represents an important economic benefit to tribal fishers.
- The tribes expect that there may be remaining impacts available after next week's fishery for additional commercial gillnet fishing and would like to tentatively set time for a Compact Hearing next Thursday (July 17).